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Possible Bribery of Members of the
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ReBuairtel, dated 2/2/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three
 copies of an LHM prepared for transmittal to the Criminal
 Division, U.S. Department of Justice. The LHM is dated and
 captioned as above.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Washington, D.C. 20535
February 9, 1966

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BLAKE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
POSSIBLE BRIBERY OF MEMBERS OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION
BRIBERY

A letter, dated January 27, 1966, from Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, requested this Bureau to examine the records of the Democratic National Committee for the period May, 1962, to April, 1963, to determine whether any record was listed of a large contribution being made by Stanley S. Bender and others connected with the Blake Construction Company.

Clifton Carter, Acting Treasurer and Executive Director, Democratic National Committee, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was contacted for the purpose of obtaining the requested information.

Mr. Carter stated that an individual cannot make a contribution to a political committee of more than \$5,000 in a calendar year; but a person could make contributions to more than one committee if he so desired. Carter stated that the records are only maintained for a two-year period because of space limitations. He later advised that the records for 1963 are still available. He advised that if a list was furnished to him of the individuals' names that are to be checked, he would have his employees make the check and submit the results to the representatives of this Bureau.

Carter also stated that the committee is required to file with the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives a detailed listing of all contributors, both quarterly and annually. Carter pointed out that for any given period numerous

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committees can be formed as it only requires a chairman and a treasurer to form a committee. Each committee is required to file statements of contributors to the Clerk of the House.

Mr. Carter stated that inasmuch as an individual is limited to a \$5,000 contribution to a single committee it would be possible to circumvent the rule by contributing \$5,000 to a number of committees. He stated that in view of the large number of committees it would be almost necessary to know to which particular committees an individual actually contributed. Carter further stated that a corporation cannot make contributions in its name.

The Directory of the Bender organization in the Bender Building reflected the following names assigned to the Blake Construction Company suite of rooms, which names would have to be checked against any listing. The below list will also reflect signatures on a deed of trust which was executed at the time the Blake Construction Company obtained a loan from the Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers International Union of America.

Bender, Jack I.
Bender, Howard M.
Bender, Morton A.
Bender, Stanley S.
Blake, Paul
Cohen, Samuel P.
Donohue, James J.
Funger, Morton
Hinton, Justin
Jurgenson, Sonny
Morris Lapidus - Hale & Liebman
Ochsman, Ralph

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The Criminal Division is requested to advise whether a list of names should be made available to the Democratic National Committee to be checked by their employees. It is to be noted that the Bureau representative will have no control over this type of search or the accuracy thereof.

It is also requested the Criminal Division advise whether the Clerk, United States House of Representatives, should be contacted to determine if the records for the pertinent period are available and can be reviewed by a representative of this Bureau.

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